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- At about 5 a.m. on 23 July 1953, T-34 tanks [redacted] and JS-1 tanks [redacted] passed through Doeberitz, coming from the direction of Altes Lager and proceeding toward Euchenweg, at 7:15 a.m. they were followed by 10 JS-1 tanks. At about 3 p.m., about 14 trucks towing 6 x 57-mm AT guns and 6 x 120-mm mortars and occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen, coming from the direction of Fehrbitz and proceeding toward Krampnitz. At about 3:15 p.m. they were followed by 16 JS-2 tanks [redacted]. On the evening of 24 July, three units allegedly left the post [redacted].

- On 25 July, the Flugplatz Kaserne, Schoenwalde, was occupied by about 3,000 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 13 July, 6 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns and [redacted] were seen in the barracks area; and 6 x 37-mm AA guns were in the emplacement on the landing field. Tank truck [redacted] was seen leaving the installation. On 22 July, 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] were in the barracks area. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation [redacted].

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about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at field training. About 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were at field training in the Ziethen Kaserne. On 26 July, a column of about 170 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the post toward Brandenburg. [redacted]

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300-mm rocket launchers [redacted] and trucks [redacted] occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen en route toward Rathenow, coming from an undetermined direction. Troop trains observed during the period under review included a train of 6 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 x 37-mm AA guns and trucks [redacted] at the Rathenow main station; a train of 6 boxcars occupied by troops; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 4 armored scout cars, and trucks [redacted] at the Rathenow north station; and a train of 6 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 30 flatcars with sideracks, including 6 carrying 132-mm rocket launchers; and others carrying trucks [redacted] and the engine headed toward Rathenow, at Wustermark. 3

4. Columns seen passing through Finow between 20 and 24 July included a column of 13 trucks towing 120-mm mortars, coming from the direction of the autobahn and proceeding toward Eberswalde, at about 4:30 p.m. on 21 July; a column of 13 trucks, towing 4 x 120-mm mortars and [redacted] coming from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeding toward the autobahn, at about 11 a.m. on 24 July; and a column of 5 motorcycles, 2 [redacted] armored scout cars [redacted] 2 armored personnel carriers, and 1 half-track vehicle, coming from the direction of Finowfurth and proceeding toward Eberswalde, at about 3 p.m. on 20 July. 4 On 21 July, 9 boxcars loaded with ammunition arrived at the Waldeslust ammunition depot.

1. Comment. [redacted] the tanks belong to the 72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 1st Mecz Div, elements of which [redacted] were carried at the Doeberitz troop training grounds.

2. Field Comment. [redacted] on 20 July, [redacted] the Flugplatz Kaserne occupied to capacity by units of the 31st AAA Div and the 90th RL Regt (US) of the Second Gds Mecz Army. [redacted]

3. Comment. [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted] The rocket launchers on the third mentioned train possibly belong to the 1st Mecz Div which, on 24 July, entrained 6 rocket launchers in Doeberitz, presumably for Jueterbog or Altengrabow. [redacted]

4. Comment. The columns probably involved units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. [redacted]

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